Requirement of Scrap for Arc and Induction Furnaces

1847. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total requirement of scrap for the Arc and Induction furnaces in the country;

(b) what is the quantity of scrap planned for import in 1988-89 and how much has already been imported; and

(c) whether Government have made arrangements for making up the shortfall in import of scrap, if any, during the remaining months of 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) The requirement of steel meelting scrap for Arc and Induction furnaces in 1988-89 to meet the demand of long products produced by them has been assessed at about 4.7 million tonnes.

(b) and (c) Government plans to import adequate quantities of steel melting scrap during 1988-89 to meet the requirements of the industry. About 1.5 million tonnes of scrap including hot briquetted iron has already been imported. Further imports are being made during the current year.

Policy for Import of Scrap

1848. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a policy for allocation of imported scrap to actual users like mini steel plants;

(b) whether this policy is being still adhered to or since changed; and

(c) the number of the 'No Objection Certificates' issued for direct import of scrap during 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There is no proposal for issue of No Objection Certificates' by this Department.

Payment of Dues by the Western Mechanical Industries (Cranes) Ltd., Bombay

1849. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a dispute between the management and a section of employees in the Western Mechanical Industries (Cranes) Ltd., Bombay, a few years ago which was later decided by the Labour Court;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Labour Court directed the company management to pay the dues of the employees who either resigned or were terminated such as Gratuity, Leave Salary etc;

(c) the number of employees who have not been paid their dues till date; and by when the dues are likely to be paid to them;

(d) if the dues are not paid so far, what are the reasons for violating the directions of the Court; and

(e) whether Government intend to direct the company to pay the dues of those employees at an early date; and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) to (c) According to information received from the Government of Maharashtra, in a dispute between the management of the Western Mechanical Industries (Crans) Ltd., Bombay and 20 of its workmen, the Labour Court, Thane directed the management to pay the legal dues to 5 employees. The management has already deposited the money towards the payment of these dues to the employees concerned with the Labour Court.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Social Security Schemes

1850. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce any new social security schemes;